

# Senate Study Bill 3086

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON QUIRMBACH)

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to applications for absentee ballots.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
3 TLSB 5810SC 82  
4 sc/nh/5

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1 1 Section 1. Section 53.2, subsection 2, Code Supplement  
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 2. a. The state commissioner shall prescribe a form for  
1 4 absentee ballot applications. However, if a registered voter  
1 5 submits an application that includes all of the information  
1 6 required in this section, the prescribed form is not required.  
1 7 b. Absentee ballot applications may include instructions  
1 8 to send the application directly to the county commissioner of  
1 9 elections. However, no absentee ballot application shall be  
1 10 preaddressed or printed with instructions to send the  
1 11 applications to anyone other than the appropriate  
1 12 commissioner.  
1 13 c. No absentee ballot application shall be preaddressed or  
1 14 printed with instructions to send the ballot to anyone other  
1 15 than the voter.  
1 16 EXPLANATION  
1 17 This bill provides that a registered voter may submit an  
1 18 application for an absentee ballot on something other than the  
1 19 application form prescribed by the state commissioner of  
1 20 elections if the application submitted contains all of the  
1 21 information required by law.  
1 22 LSB 5810SC 82  
1 23 sc/nh/5